

Construction under way on shared septic systems

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Duxbury

DUXBURY — Construction by the Robert B. Our Co. of Harwich began yesterday on two shared septic systems designed to reduce pollution in Duxbury Bay.

The Snug Harbor system will connect sewer lines from 11 properties to a shared leaching field at the Duxbury Yacht Club golf course off Harrison Street.

The Bluefish River system will link sewer lines from three homes at the Washington Street bridge to a shared leaching field up St. George Street at the new Ellison Center for the Arts, the former Holy Family Church site.

In separate votes last year, town meeting authorized borrowing up to \$650,000 for the two projects: \$500,000 for Snug Harbor and \$150,000 for Bluefish River.

Much of the cost is to be recovered through betterment fees, which the selectmen, acting as sewer commissioners, will levy on property owners once construction has been completed and the final cost is known.

Work is scheduled to be completed by June 30, said Conservation Administrator Joe Grady, project manager for the construction of the two systems.

Meanwhile, 19-year-old regulations governing the use of sewers were changed last night to reflect the planned addition of the two shared septic systems.

Acting in their capacity as the town's sewer commissioners, the three selectmen voted unanimously to update regulations drafted in 1977 for homeowners at the north end of Duxbury Beach who were then connected to the Marshfield wastewater treatment plant.

Until the Snug Harbor and Bluefish River shared systems begin operation later this year, the 200 homes at the north end of the beach will have been the only ones in town connected to a sewer system.

In other business last night, selectmen:

- Learned that Town Manager Rocco Longo has hired Joseph A. Ziobro of Mansfield to be cemetery superintendent, replacing William Malcolm, who resigned. Ziobro, who will begin work next week, will be paid \$39,000 annually, Longo said.

- Heard Doug Chadwick, chairman of the Fourth of July parade committee, report that his group is still short of volunteers and the parade may have to be canceled.

"What we really need desperately is someone to do fund raising," Chadwick said.

- In recognition of the town being named a Tree City USA for the fifth time, signed a proclamation designating Friday as Arbor Day in Duxbury.

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